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With all of the above and some other places where lack of clarity in the original manuscripts has led to multiple possible readings, significant variants are listed in footnotes. The reading that in our prayerful judgment is best is in the main text. Overall, the Open American Standard Version isn't very much different than several other good contemporary English translations of the Holy Bible. The message of Salvation through Jesus Christ is still the same. The point of this translation was not to be very different (except for legal status), but to update the ASV for readability while retaining or improving the accuracy of that well-respected translation and retaining the public domain status of the ASV.

Job

Chapter 1

¹ There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God,* and turned away from evil. ² There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. ³ His possessions also were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the children of the east. ⁴ His sons went and held a feast in the house of each one on his birthday; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. ⁵ It was so, when the days of their feasting had run their course, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned, and renounced God in their hearts." Job did so continually.

⁶ Now on the day when God's sons came to present themselves before Yahweh,[†] Satan also came among them. ⁷ Yahweh said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered Yahweh, and said, "From going back and forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."

⁸ Yahweh said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant, Job? For there is no one like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil."

⁹ Then Satan answered Yahweh, and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Haven't you made a hedge around him, and around his house, and around all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. ¹¹ But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will renounce you to your face."

¹² Yahweh said to Satan, "Behold,[‡] all that

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he has is in your power. Only on himself don't stretch out your hand."

So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh.¹³ It fell on a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,¹⁴ that there came a messenger to Job, and said, "The oxen were plowing, and the donkeys feeding beside them,¹⁵ and the Sabeans attacked, and took them away. Yes, they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, there also came another, and said, "The fire of God has fallen from the sky, and has burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

¹⁷ While he was still speaking, there came also another, and said, "The Chaldeans made three bands, and swept down on the camels, and have taken them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, there came also another, and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,¹⁹ and behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young men, and they are dead. I alone have escaped to tell you."

²⁰ Then Job arose, and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down on the ground, and worshiped.²¹ He said, "Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away. Blessed be Yahweh's name."²² In all this, Job didn't sin, nor charge God with wrongdoing.

***1:1** The Hebrew word rendered

"God" is "אֱלֹהִים" (Elohim).

†1:6 "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.

‡1:12 "Behold", from "הִנֵּה", means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

Job Chapter 2

¹ Again, on the day when the God's sons came to present themselves before Yahweh, Satan came also among them to present himself before Yahweh. ² Yahweh said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered Yahweh, and said, "From going back and forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."

³ Yahweh said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? For there is no one like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil. He still maintains his integrity, although you incited me against him, to ruin him without cause."

⁴ Satan answered Yahweh, and said, "Skin for skin. Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵ But stretch out your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will renounce you to your face."

⁶ Yahweh said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand. Only spare his life."

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh, and struck Job with painful sores from the sole of his foot to his head. ⁸ He took for himself a potsherd to scrape himself with, and he sat among the ashes. ⁹ Then his wife said to him, "Do you still maintain your integrity? Renounce God, and die."

¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. What? Shall

we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?"

In all this Job didn't sin with his lips. ¹¹ Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come on him, they each came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and to comfort him. ¹² When they lifted up their eyes from a distance, and didn't recognize him, they raised their voices, and wept; and they each tore his robe, and sprinkled dust on their heads toward the sky. ¹³ So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.

Job Chapter 3

¹ After this Job opened his mouth, and cursed the day of his birth. ² Job answered:

³ "Let the day perish in which I was born, the night which said, 'There is a boy conceived.' ⁴ Let that day be darkness. Don't let God from above seek for it, neither let the light shine on it. ⁵ Let darkness and the shadow of death claim it for their own. Let a cloud dwell on it. Let all that makes black the day terrify it. ⁶ As for that night, let thick darkness seize on it. Let it not rejoice among the days of the year. Let it not come into the number of the months. ⁷ Behold, let that night be barren. Let no joyful voice come therein. ⁸ Let them curse it who curse the day, who are ready to rouse up leviathan. ⁹ Let the stars of its twilight be dark. Let it look for light, but have none, neither let it see the eyelids of the morning, ¹⁰ because it didn't shut up the doors of my mother's womb, nor did it hide trouble from my eyes.

¹¹ "Why didn't I die from the womb? Why didn't I give up the spirit when my mother

bore me? ¹² Why did the knees receive me?
Or why the breast, that I should nurse?

¹³ For now should I have lain down and
been quiet. I should have slept, then I
would have been at rest, ¹⁴ with kings and
counselors of the earth, who built up waste
places for themselves; ¹⁵ or with princes who
had gold, who filled their houses with silver:
¹⁶ or as a hidden untimely birth I had not
been, as infants who never saw light.

¹⁷ There the wicked cease from troubling.
There the weary are at rest. ¹⁸ There the
prisoners are at ease together. They don't
hear the voice of the taskmaster. ¹⁹ The
small and the great are there. The servant is
free from his master.

²⁰ "Why is light given to him who is in
misery, life to the bitter in soul, ²¹ Who long
for death, but it doesn't come; and dig for it
more than for hidden treasures, ²² who
rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they
can find the grave? ²³ Why is light given to a
man whose way is hidden, whom God has
hedged in? ²⁴ For my sighing comes before I
eat. My groanings are poured out like water.

²⁵ For the thing which I fear comes on me,
That which I am afraid of comes to me. ²⁶ I
am not at ease, neither am I quiet, neither
have I rest; but trouble comes."

Job Chapter 4

¹ Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, ² "If
someone ventures to talk with you, will you
be grieved? But who can withhold himself
from speaking? ³ Behold, you have
instructed many, you have strengthened the
weak hands. ⁴ Your words have supported
him who was falling, You have made firm
the feeble knees. ⁵ But now it has come to
you, and you faint. It touches you, and you
are troubled. ⁶ Isn't your piety your
confidence? Isn't the integrity of your ways
your hope? ⁷ "Remember, now, whoever
perished, being innocent? Or where were

the upright cut off? ⁸ According to what I have seen, those who plow iniquity, and sow trouble, reap the same. ⁹ By the breath of God they perish. By the blast of his anger are they consumed. ¹⁰ The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, the teeth of the young lions, are broken. ¹¹ The old lion perishes for lack of prey. The cubs of the lioness are scattered abroad.

¹² "Now a thing was secretly brought to me. My ear received a whisper of it. ¹³ In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men fear came on me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake. ¹⁵ Then a spirit passed before my face. The hair of my flesh stood up. ¹⁶ It stood still, but I couldn't discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes. Silence, then I heard a voice, saying, ¹⁷ 'Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his Maker? ¹⁸ Behold, he puts no trust in his servants. He charges his angels with error. ¹⁹ How much more, those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed before the moth! ²⁰ Between morning and evening they are destroyed. They perish forever without any regarding it. ²¹ Isn't their tent cord plucked up within them? They die, and that without wisdom.'

Job

Chapter 5

¹ "Call now; is there any who will answer you? To which of the holy ones will you turn? ² For resentment kills the foolish man, and jealousy kills the simple. ³ I have seen the foolish taking root, but suddenly I cursed his habitation. ⁴ His children are far from safety. They are crushed in the gate. Neither is there any to deliver them, ⁵ whose harvest the hungry eats up, and take it even out of the thorns. The snare gapes for their substance. ⁶ For affliction doesn't come out of the dust, neither does trouble spring out

of the ground; ⁷ but man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

⁸ "But as for me, I would seek God. I would commit my cause to God, ⁹ who does great things that can't be fathomed, marvelous things without number; ¹⁰ who gives rain on the earth, and sends waters on the fields; ¹¹ so that he sets up on high those who are low, those who mourn are exalted to safety. ¹² He frustrates the plans of the crafty, So that their hands can't perform their enterprise. ¹³ He takes the wise in their own craftiness; the counsel of the cunning is carried headlong. ¹⁴ They meet with darkness in the day time, and grope at noonday as in the night. ¹⁵ But he saves from the sword of their mouth, even the needy from the hand of the mighty. ¹⁶ So the poor has hope, and injustice shuts her mouth.

¹⁷ "Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects. Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty. ¹⁸ For he wounds, and binds up. He injures, and his hands make whole. ¹⁹ He will deliver you in six troubles; yes, in seven no evil shall touch you. ²⁰ In famine he will redeem you from death; in war, from the power of the sword. ²¹ You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue, neither shall you be afraid of destruction when it comes. ²² At destruction and famine you shall laugh, neither shall you be afraid of the animals of the earth. ²³ For you shall be allied with the stones of the field. The animals of the field shall be at peace with you. ²⁴ You shall know that your tent is in peace. You shall visit your fold, and shall miss nothing. ²⁵ You shall know also that your offspring shall be great, Your offspring as the grass of the earth. ²⁶ You shall come to your grave in a full age, like a shock of grain comes in its season. ²⁷ Look this, we have searched it, so it is. Hear it, and know it for your good."

*5:25 or, seed

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Chapter 6

¹ Then Job answered, ² "Oh that my anguish were weighed, and all my calamity laid in the balances! ³ For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas, therefore have my words been rash. ⁴ For the arrows of the Almighty are within me. My spirit drinks up their poison. The terrors of God set themselves in array against me. ⁵ Does the wild donkey bray when he has grass? Or does the ox low over his fodder? ⁶ Can that which has no flavor be eaten without salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg? ⁷ My soul refuses to touch them. They are as loathsome food to me. ⁸ "Oh that I might have my request, that God would grant the thing that I long for, ⁹ even that it would please God to crush me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off! ¹⁰ Be it still my consolation, yes, let me exult in pain that doesn't spare, that I have not denied the words of the Holy One. ¹¹ What is my strength, that I should wait? What is my end, that I should be patient? ¹² Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh of bronze? ¹³ Isn't it that I have no help in me, That wisdom is driven quite from me? ¹⁴ "To him who is ready to faint, kindness should be shown from his friend; even to him who forsakes the fear of the Almighty. ¹⁵ My brothers have dealt deceitfully as a brook, as the channel of brooks that pass away; ¹⁶ Which are black by reason of the ice, in which the snow hides itself. ¹⁷ In the dry season, they vanish. When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place. ¹⁸ The caravans that travel beside them turn away. They go up into the waste, and perish. ¹⁹ The caravans of Tema looked. The

companies of Sheba waited for them.
²⁰ They were distressed because they were confident. They came there, and were confounded. ²¹ For now you are nothing. You see a terror, and are afraid. ²² Did I say, 'Give to me?' or, 'Offer a present for me from your substance?' ²³ or, 'Deliver me from the adversary's hand?' or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors?'

²⁴ "Teach me, and I will hold my peace. Cause me to understand wherein I have erred. ²⁵ How forcible are words of uprightness! But your reproof, what does it reprove? ²⁶ Do you intend to reprove words, since the speeches of one who is desperate are as wind? ²⁷ Yes, you would even cast lots for the fatherless, and make merchandise of your friend. ²⁸ Now therefore be pleased to look at me, for surely I shall not lie to your face. ²⁹ Please return. Let there be no injustice. Yes, return again. My cause is righteous. ³⁰ Is there injustice on my tongue? Can't my taste discern mischievous things?

Job Chapter 7

¹ "Isn't a man forced to labor on earth? Aren't his days like the days of a hired hand? ² As a servant who earnestly desires the shadow, as a hireling who looks for his wages, ³ so am I made to possess months of misery, wearisome nights are appointed to me. ⁴ When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise, and the night be gone?' I toss and turn until the dawning of the day. ⁵ My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust. My skin closes up, and breaks out afresh. ⁶ My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. ⁷ Oh remember that my life is a breath. My eye shall no more see good. ⁸ The eye of him who sees me shall see me no more. Your eyes shall be on me, but I shall not be. ⁹ As the cloud is consumed and vanishes away, so he who

goes down to Sheol* shall come up no more.
¹⁰ He shall return no more to his house,
neither shall his place know him any more.
¹¹ "Therefore I will not keep silent. I will
speak in the anguish of my spirit. I will
complain in the bitterness of my soul. ¹² Am
I a sea, or a sea monster, that you put a
guard over me? ¹³ When I say, 'My bed shall
comfort me. My couch shall ease my
complaint;' ¹⁴ then you scare me with
dreams, and terrify me through visions: ¹⁵ so
that my soul chooses strangling, death
rather than my bones. ¹⁶ I loathe my life.
I don't want to live forever. Leave me alone,
for my days are but a breath. ¹⁷ What is
man, that you should magnify him, that you
should set your mind on him, ¹⁸ that you
should visit him every morning, and test him
every moment? ¹⁹ How long will you not look
away from me, nor leave me alone until I
swallow down my spittle? ²⁰ If I have sinned,
what do I do to you, you watcher of men?
Why have you set me as a mark for you, so
that I am a burden to myself? ²¹ Why do you
not pardon my disobedience, and take away
my iniquity? For now shall I lie down in the
dust. You will seek me diligently, but I shall
not be."

*7:9 Sheol is the place of the
dead.

Job Chapter 8

¹ Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, ² "How
long will you speak these things? Shall the
words of your mouth be a mighty wind?
³ Does God pervert justice? Or does the
Almighty pervert righteousness? ⁴ If your
children have sinned against him, He has
delivered them into the hand of their
disobedience. ⁵ If you want to seek God

diligently, make your supplication to the Almighty. ⁶If you were pure and upright, surely now he would awaken for you, and make the habitation of your righteousness prosperous. ⁷Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would greatly increase.

⁸"Please inquire of past generations. Find out about the learning of their fathers. ⁹(For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days on earth are a shadow.)

¹⁰Shall they not teach you, tell you, and utter words out of their heart?

¹¹"Can the papyrus grow up without mire? Can the rushes grow without water? ¹²While it is yet in its greenness, not cut down, it withers before any other reed. ¹³So are the paths of all who forget God. The hope of the godless man shall perish, ¹⁴Whose confidence shall break apart, Whose trust is a spider's web. ¹⁵He shall lean on his house, but it shall not stand. He shall cling to it, but it shall not endure. ¹⁶He is green before the sun. His shoots go out along his garden.

¹⁷His roots are wrapped around the rock pile. He sees the place of stones. ¹⁸If he is destroyed from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, 'I have not seen you.' ¹⁹Behold, this is the joy of his way: out of the earth, others shall spring.

²⁰"Behold, God will not cast away a blameless man, neither will he uphold the evildoers. ²¹He will still fill your mouth with laughter, your lips with shouting. ²²Those who hate you shall be clothed with shame. The tent of the wicked shall be no more."

Job Chapter 9

9

¹Then Job answered, ²"Truly I know that it is so, but how can man be just with God?

³If he is pleased to contend with him, he can't answer him one time in a thousand.

⁴God who is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who has hardened himself against

him, and prospered? ⁵ He removes the mountains, and they don't know it, when he overturns them in his anger. ⁶ He shakes the earth out of its place. Its pillars tremble. ⁷ He commands the sun, and it doesn't rise, and seals up the stars. ⁸ He alone stretches out the heavens, and treads on the waves of the sea. ⁹ He makes the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, and the rooms of the south. ¹⁰ He does great things past finding out; yes, marvelous things without number. ¹¹ Behold, he goes by me, and I don't see him. He passes on also, but I don't perceive him. ¹² Behold, he snatches away. Who can hinder him? Who will ask him, 'What are you doing?'

¹³ "God will not withdraw his anger. The helpers of Rahab stoop under him. ¹⁴ How much less shall I answer him, And choose my words to argue with him? ¹⁵ Though I were righteous, yet I wouldn't answer him. I would make supplication to my judge ¹⁶ If I had called, and he had answered me, yet I wouldn't believe that he listened to my voice. ¹⁷ For he breaks me with a storm, and multiplies my wounds without cause. ¹⁸ He will not allow me to catch my breath, but fills me with bitterness. ¹⁹ If it is a matter of strength, behold, he is mighty! If of justice, 'Who,' says he, 'will summon me?' ²⁰ Though I am righteous, my own mouth shall condemn me. Though I am blameless, it shall prove me perverse. ²¹ I am blameless. I don't respect myself. I despise my life. ²² "It is all the same. Therefore I say he destroys the blameless and the wicked. ²³ If the scourge kills suddenly, he will mock at the trial of the innocent. ²⁴ The earth is given into the hand of the wicked. He covers the faces of its judges. If not he, then who is it?

²⁵ "Now my days are swifter than a runner. They flee away, they see no good. ²⁶ They have passed away as the swift ships, as the eagle that swoops on the prey. ²⁷ If I say, 'I will forget my complaint, I will put off my

sad face, and cheer up;’ ²⁸ I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that you will not hold me innocent. ²⁹ I shall be condemned. Why then do I labor in vain? ³⁰ If I wash myself with snow, and cleanse my hands with lye, ³¹ yet you will plunge me in the ditch. My own clothes shall abhor me. ³² For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, that we should come together in judgment. ³³ There is no umpire between us, that might lay his hand on us both. ³⁴ Let him take his rod away from me. Let his terror not make me afraid; ³⁵ then I would speak, and not fear him, for I am not so in myself.

Job

Chapter 10

¹ “My soul is weary of my life. I will give free course to my complaint. I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. ² I will tell God, ‘Do not condemn me. Show me why you contend with me. ³ Is it good to you that you should oppress, that you should despise the work of your hands, and smile on the counsel of the wicked? ⁴ Do you have eyes of flesh? Or do you see as man sees? ⁵ Are your days as the days of mortals, or your years as man’s years, ⁶ that you inquire after my iniquity, and search after my sin? ⁷ Although you know that I am not wicked, there is no one who can deliver out of your hand.

⁸ “Your hands have framed me and fashioned me altogether, yet you destroy me. ⁹ Remember, I beg you, that you have fashioned me as clay. Will you bring me into dust again? ¹⁰ Haven’t you poured me out like milk, and curdled me like cheese? ¹¹ You have clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. ¹² You have granted me life and loving kindness. Your visitation has preserved my spirit. ¹³ Yet you hid these things in your heart. I know that this is with you: ¹⁴ if I sin, then you mark me. You will not acquit me

from my iniquity. ¹⁵ If I am wicked, woe to me. If I am righteous, I still shall not lift up my head, being filled with disgrace, and conscious of my affliction. ¹⁶ If my head is held high, you hunt me like a lion. Again you show yourself powerful to me. ¹⁷ You renew your witnesses against me, and increase your indignation on me. Changes and warfare are with me.

¹⁸ "Why, then, have you brought me out of the womb? I wish I had given up the spirit, and no eye had seen me. ¹⁹ I should have been as though I had not been. I should have been carried from the womb to the grave. ²⁰ Aren't my days few? Cease then. Leave me alone, that I may find a little comfort, ²¹ before I go where I shall not return from, to the land of darkness and of the shadow of death; ²² the land dark as midnight, of the shadow of death, without any order, where the light is as midnight.' "

Job

Chapter 11

11

¹ Then Zophar, the Naamathite, answered, ² "Shouldn't the multitude of words be answered? Should a man full of talk be justified? ³ Should your boastings make men hold their peace? When you mock, shall no man make you ashamed? ⁴ For you say, 'My doctrine is pure. I am clean in your eyes.'

⁵ But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against you, ⁶ that he would show you the secrets of wisdom! For true wisdom has two sides. Know therefore that God exacts of you less than your iniquity deserves.

⁷ "Can you fathom the mystery of God? Or can you probe the limits of the Almighty?

⁸ They are high as heaven. What can you do? They are deeper than Sheol.* What can you know? ⁹ Its measure is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. ¹⁰ If he passes by, or confines, or convenes a court, then who can oppose him? ¹¹ For he knows false men. He sees iniquity also, even

though he doesn't consider it. ¹² An empty-headed man becomes wise when a man is born as a wild donkey's colt.

¹³ "If you set your heart aright, stretch out your hands toward him. ¹⁴ If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away. Don't let unrighteousness dwell in your tents.

¹⁵ Surely then you shall lift up your face without spot; Yes, you shall be steadfast, and shall not fear: ¹⁶ for you shall forget your misery. You shall remember it like waters that have passed away. ¹⁷ Life shall be clearer than the noonday. Though there is darkness, it shall be as the morning.

¹⁸ You shall be secure, because there is hope. Yes, you shall search, and shall take your rest in safety. ¹⁹ Also you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid. Yes, many shall court your favor. ²⁰ But the eyes of the wicked shall fail. They shall have no way to flee. Their hope shall be the giving up of the spirit."

***11:8** Sheol is the place of the dead.

Job

Chapter 12

¹ Then Job answered, ² "No doubt, but you are the people, and wisdom shall die with you. ³ But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Yes, who doesn't know such things as these? ⁴ I am like one who is a joke to his neighbor, I, who called on God, and he answered. The just, the blameless man is a joke. ⁵ In the thought of him who is at ease there is contempt for misfortune. It is ready for them whose foot slips. ⁶ The tents of robbers prosper. Those who provoke God are secure, who carry their God in their hands.

⁷“But ask the animals, now, and they shall teach you; the birds of the sky, and they shall tell you. ⁸Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you. The fish of the sea shall declare to you. ⁹Who doesn’t know that in all these, Yahweh’s hand has done this, ¹⁰in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind? ¹¹Doesn’t the ear try words, even as the palate tastes its food? ¹²With aged men is wisdom, in length of days understanding.

¹³“With God is wisdom and might. He has counsel and understanding. ¹⁴Behold, he breaks down, and it can’t be built again. He imprisons a man, and there can be no release. ¹⁵Behold, he withholds the waters, and they dry up. Again, he sends them out, and they overturn the earth. ¹⁶With him is strength and wisdom. The deceived and the deceiver are his. ¹⁷He leads counselors away stripped. He makes judges fools. ¹⁸He loosens the bond of kings. He binds their waist with a belt. ¹⁹He leads priests away stripped, and overthrows the mighty. ²⁰He removes the speech of those who are trusted, and takes away the understanding of the elders. ²¹He pours contempt on princes, and loosens the belt of the strong. ²²He uncovers deep things out of darkness, and brings out to light the shadow of death. ²³He increases the nations, and he destroys them. He enlarges the nations, and he leads them captive. ²⁴He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth, and causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way. ²⁵They grope in the dark without light. He makes them stagger like a drunken man.

Job
Chapter 13

¹“Behold, my eye has seen all this. My ear has heard and understood it. ²What you know, I know also. I am not inferior to you. ³“Surely I would speak to the Almighty. I

desire to reason with God. ⁴ But you are forgers of lies. You are all physicians of no value. ⁵ Oh that you would be completely silent! Then you would be wise. ⁶ Hear now my reasoning. Listen to the pleadings of my lips. ⁷ Will you speak unrighteously for God, and talk deceitfully for him? ⁸ Will you show partiality to him? Will you contend for God? ⁹ Is it good that he should search you out? Or as one deceives a man, will you deceive him? ¹⁰ He will surely reprove you, if you secretly show partiality. ¹¹ Shall not his majesty make you afraid, And his dread fall on you?

¹² Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes, Your defenses are defenses of clay.

¹³ "Be silent, leave me alone, that I may speak. Let come on me what will. ¹⁴ Why should I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand? ¹⁵ Behold, he will kill me. I have no hope. Nevertheless, I will maintain my ways before him. ¹⁶ This also shall be my salvation, that a godless man shall not come before him. ¹⁷ Hear diligently my speech. Let my declaration be in your ears. ¹⁸ See now, I have set my cause in order. I know that I am righteous. ¹⁹ Who is he who will contend with me? For then would I hold my peace and give up the spirit.

²⁰ "Only don't do two things to me; then I will not hide myself from your face:

²¹ withdraw your hand far from me; and don't let your terror make me afraid. ²² Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and you answer me. ²³ How many are my iniquities and sins? Make me know my disobedience and my sin. ²⁴ Why hide you your face, and hold me for your enemy?

²⁵ Will you harass a driven leaf? Will you pursue the dry stubble? ²⁶ For you write bitter things against me, and make me inherit the iniquities of my youth: ²⁷ You also put my feet in the stocks, and mark all my paths. You set a bound to the soles of my feet, ²⁸ though I am decaying like a rotten

thing, like a garment that is moth-eaten.

Job Chapter 14

¹"Man, who is born of a woman, is of few days, and full of trouble. ²He grows up like a flower, and is cut down. He also flees like a shadow, and doesn't continue. ³Do you open your eyes on such a one, and bring me into judgment with you? ⁴Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one.

⁵Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his bounds that he can't pass; ⁶Look away from him, that he may rest, until he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.

⁷"For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut down, that it will sprout again, that the tender branch of it will not cease ⁸Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stock dies in the ground, ⁹yet through the scent of water it will bud, and sprout boughs like a plant. ¹⁰But man dies, and is laid low. Yes, man gives up the spirit, and where is he?

¹¹As the waters fail from the sea, and the river wastes and dries up, ¹²so man lies down and doesn't rise. Until the heavens are no more, they shall not awake, nor be roused out of their sleep.

¹³"Oh that you would hide me in Sheol,* that you would keep me secret, until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! ¹⁴If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my warfare would I wait, until my release should come. ¹⁵You would call, and I would answer you. You would have a desire to the work of your hands. ¹⁶But now you count my steps. Don't you watch over my sin?

¹⁷My disobedience is sealed up in a bag. You fasten up my iniquity.

¹⁸"But the mountain falling comes to nothing. The rock is removed out of its place; ¹⁹The waters wear the stones. The

torrents of it wash away the dust of the earth. So you destroy the hope of man.
²⁰You forever prevail against him, and he departs. You change his face, and send him away. ²¹His sons come to honor, and he doesn't know it. They are brought low, but he doesn't perceive it of them. ²²But his flesh on him has pain, and his soul within him mourns."

***14:13** Sheol is the place of the dead.

Job Chapter 15

¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered,
²"Should a wise man answer with vain knowledge, and fill himself with the east wind? ³Should he reason with unprofitable talk, or with speeches with which he can do no good? ⁴Yes, you do away with fear, and hinder devotion before God. ⁵For your iniquity teaches your mouth, and you choose the language of the crafty. ⁶Your own mouth condemns you, and not I. Yes, your own lips testify against you.
⁷"Are you the first man who was born? Or were you brought out before the hills?
⁸Have you heard the secret counsel of God? Do you limit wisdom to yourself? ⁹What do you know, that we don't know? What do you understand, which is not in us? ¹⁰With us are both the gray-headed and the very aged men, much elder than your father. ¹¹Are the consolations of God too small for you, even the word that is gentle toward you? ¹²Why does your heart carry you away? Why do your eyes flash, ¹³That you turn your spirit against God, and let such words go out of your mouth? ¹⁴What is man, that he should be clean? What is he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

¹⁵ Behold, he puts no trust in his holy ones. Yes, the heavens are not clean in his sight; ¹⁶ how much less one who is abominable and corrupt, a man who drinks iniquity like water!

¹⁷ "I will show you, listen to me; that which I have seen I will declare ¹⁸ (which wise men have told by their fathers, and have not hidden it; ¹⁹ to whom alone the land was given, and no stranger passed among them): ²⁰ the wicked man writhes in pain all his days, even the number of years that are laid up for the oppressor. ²¹ A sound of terrors is in his ears. In prosperity the destroyer shall come on him. ²² He doesn't believe that he shall return out of darkness. He is waited for by the sword. ²³ He wanders abroad for bread, saying, 'Where is it?' He knows that the day of darkness is ready at his hand. ²⁴ Distress and anguish make him afraid. They prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle. ²⁵ Because he has stretched out his hand against God, and behaves himself proudly against the Almighty; ²⁶ he runs at him with a stiff neck, with the thick shields of his bucklers; ²⁷ because he has covered his face with his fatness, and gathered fat on his thighs. ²⁸ He has lived in desolate cities, in houses which no one inhabited, which were ready to become heaps. ²⁹ He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall their possessions be extended on the earth. ³⁰ He shall not depart out of darkness. The flame shall dry up his branches. By the breath of God's mouth shall he go away. ³¹ Let him not trust in emptiness, deceiving himself; for emptiness shall be his reward. ³² It shall be accomplished before his time. His branch shall not be green. ³³ He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive tree. ³⁴ For the company of the godless shall be barren, and fire shall consume the tents of bribery. ³⁵ They conceive mischief, and produce iniquity. Their heart prepares

deceit."

Job Chapter 16

¹ Then Job answered, ² "I have heard many such things. You are all miserable comforters! ³ Shall vain words have an end? Or what provokes you that you answer? ⁴ I also could speak as you do. If your soul were in my soul's place, I could join words together against you, and shake my head at you, ⁵ but I would strengthen you with my mouth. The solace of my lips would relieve you.

⁶ "Though I speak, my grief is not subsided. Though I forbear, what am I eased? ⁷ But now, God, you have surely worn me out. You have made desolate all my company. ⁸ You have shriveled me up. This is a witness against me. My leanness rises up against me. It testifies to my face. ⁹ He has torn me in his wrath, and persecuted me. He has gnashed on me with his teeth. My adversary sharpens his eyes on me. ¹⁰ They have gaped on me with their mouth. They have struck me on the cheek reproachfully. They gather themselves together against me. ¹¹ God delivers me to the ungodly, and casts me into the hands of the wicked. ¹² I was at ease, and he broke me apart. Yes, he has taken me by the neck, and dashed me to pieces. He has also set me up for his target. ¹³ His archers surround me. He splits my kidneys apart, and does not spare. He pours out my gall on the ground. ¹⁴ He breaks me with breach on breach. He runs on me like a giant. ¹⁵ I have sewed sackcloth on my skin, and have thrust my horn in the dust. ¹⁶ My face is red with weeping. Deep darkness is on my eyelids. ¹⁷ Although there is no violence in my hands, and my prayer is pure.

¹⁸ "Earth, don't cover my blood. Let my cry have no place to rest. ¹⁹ Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven. He who vouches

for me is on high. ²⁰ My friends scoff at me. My eyes pour out tears to God, ²¹ that he would maintain the right of a man with God, of a son of man with his neighbor! ²² For when a few years have come, I shall go the way of no return.

Job Chapter 17

¹ "My spirit is consumed. My days are extinct, And the grave is ready for me.

² Surely there are mockers with me. My eye dwells on their provocation.

³ "Now give a pledge, be collateral for me with yourself. Who is there who will strike hands with me? ⁴ For you have hidden their heart from understanding, Therefore you shall not exalt them. ⁵ He who denounces his friends for plunder, Even the eyes of his children shall fail.

⁶ "But he has made me a byword of the people. They spit in my face. ⁷ My eye also is dim by reason of sorrow. All my members are as a shadow. ⁸ Upright men shall be astonished at this. The innocent shall stir up himself against the godless. ⁹ Yet shall the righteous hold on his way. He who has clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger.

¹⁰ But as for you all, come on now again; I shall not find a wise man among you. ¹¹ My days are past, my plans are broken off, as are the thoughts of my heart. ¹² They change the night into day, saying 'The light is near' in the presence of darkness. ¹³ If I look for Sheol* as my house, if I have spread my couch in the darkness, ¹⁴ If I have said to corruption, 'You are my father;' to the worm, 'My mother,' and 'my sister;' ¹⁵ where then is my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? ¹⁶ Shall it go down with me to the gates of Sheol,† or descend together into the dust?"

*17:13 Sheol is the place of the

dead.

†**17:16** Sheol is the place of the dead.

Job Chapter 18

¹ Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, ² "How long will you hunt for words? Consider, and afterwards we will speak. ³ Why are we counted as animals, which have become unclean in your sight? ⁴ You who tear yourself in your anger, shall the earth be forsaken for you? Or shall the rock be removed out of its place?

⁵ "Yes, the light of the wicked shall be put out, The spark of his fire shall not shine.

⁶ The light shall be dark in his tent. His lamp above him shall be put out. ⁷ The steps of his strength shall be shortened. His own counsel shall cast him down. ⁸ For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he wanders into its mesh. ⁹ A snare will take him by the heel. A trap will catch him. ¹⁰ A noose is hidden for him in the ground, a trap for him on the path. ¹¹ Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall chase him at his heels. ¹² His strength shall be famished. Calamity shall be ready at his side. ¹³ The members of his body shall be devoured. The firstborn of death shall devour his members.

¹⁴ He shall be rooted out of the security of his tent. He shall be brought to the king of terrors. ¹⁵ There shall dwell in his tent that which is none of his. Sulfur shall be scattered on his habitation. ¹⁶ His roots shall be dried up beneath. Above shall his branch be cut off. ¹⁷ His memory shall perish from the earth. He shall have no name in the street. ¹⁸ He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world. ¹⁹ He shall have neither son nor grandson among his people, nor any remaining where he

lived. ²⁰Those who come after shall be astonished at his day, as those who went before were frightened. ²¹Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous. This is the place of him who doesn't know God."

Job Chapter 19

¹Then Job answered, ²"How long will you torment me, and crush me with words?

³You have reproached me ten times. You aren't ashamed that you attack me. ⁴If it is true that I have erred, my error remains with myself. ⁵If indeed you will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach; ⁶know now that God has subverted me, and has surrounded me with his net.

⁷"Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard. I cry for help, but there is no justice.

⁸He has walled up my way so that I can't pass, and has set darkness in my paths. ⁹He has stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head. ¹⁰He has broken me down on every side, and I am gone. My hope he has plucked up like a tree. ¹¹He has also kindled his wrath against me. He counts me among his adversaries. ¹²His troops come on together, build a siege ramp against me, and encamp around my tent.

¹³"He has put my brothers far from me. My acquaintances are wholly estranged from me. ¹⁴My relatives have gone away. My familiar friends have forgotten me. ¹⁵Those who dwell in my house and my maids consider me a stranger. I am an alien in their sight. ¹⁶I call to my servant, and he gives me no answer. I beg him with my mouth. ¹⁷My breath is offensive to my wife. I am loathsome to the children of my own mother. ¹⁸Even young children despise me. If I arise, they speak against me. ¹⁹All my familiar friends abhor me. They whom I loved have turned against me. ²⁰My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh. I have

escaped by the skin of my teeth.

²¹"Have pity on me, have pity on me, you my friends; for the hand of God has touched me. ²²Why do you persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

²³"Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴That with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives. In the end, he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶After my skin is destroyed, then in my flesh shall I see God, ²⁷Whom I, even I, shall see on my side. My eyes shall see, and not as a stranger.

"My heart is consumed within me. ²⁸If you say, 'How we will persecute him!' because the root of the matter is found in me, ²⁹be afraid of the sword, for wrath brings the punishments of the sword, that you may know there is a judgment."

Job

Chapter 20

¹Then Zophar the Naamathite answered, ²"Therefore do my thoughts give answer to me, even by reason of my haste that is in me. ³I have heard the reproof which puts me to shame. The spirit of my understanding answers me. ⁴Don't you know this from old time, since man was placed on earth, ⁵that the triumphing of the wicked is short, the joy of the godless but for a moment? ⁶Though his height mount up to the heavens, and his head reach to the clouds, ⁷yet he shall perish forever like his own dung. Those who have seen him shall say, 'Where is he?' ⁸He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found. Yes, he shall be chased away like a vision of the night. ⁹The eye which saw him shall see him no more, neither shall his place any more see him. ¹⁰His children shall seek the favor of the poor. His hands shall give back his wealth. ¹¹His bones are full of his youth,

but youth shall lie down with him in the dust.

¹²“Though wickedness is sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue, ¹³though he spare it, and will not let it go, but keep it still within his mouth; ¹⁴yet his food in his bowels is turned. It is cobra venom within him. ¹⁵He has swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again. God will cast them out of his belly. ¹⁶He shall suck cobra venom. The viper’s tongue shall kill him. ¹⁷He shall not look at the rivers, the flowing streams of honey and butter. ¹⁸That for which he labored he shall restore, and shall not swallow it down. According to the substance that he has gotten, he shall not rejoice. ¹⁹For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor. He has violently taken away a house, and he shall not build it up.

²⁰“Because he knew no quietness within him, he shall not save anything of that in which he delights. ²¹There was nothing left that he didn’t devour, therefore his prosperity shall not endure. ²²In the fullness of his sufficiency, distress shall overtake him. The hand of everyone who is in misery shall come on him. ²³When he is about to fill his belly, God will cast the fierceness of his wrath on him. It will rain on him while he is eating. ²⁴He shall flee from the iron weapon. The bronze arrow shall strike him through. ²⁵He draws it out, and it comes out of his body. Yes, the glittering point comes out of his liver. Terrors are on him. ²⁶All darkness is laid up for his treasures. An unfanned fire shall devour him. It shall consume that which is left in his tent. ²⁷The heavens shall reveal his iniquity. The earth shall rise up against him. ²⁸The increase of his house shall depart. They shall rush away in the day of his wrath. ²⁹This is the portion of a wicked man from God, the heritage appointed to him by God.”

Job

Chapter 21

¹ Then Job answered, ² "Listen diligently to my speech. Let this be your consolation.

³ Allow me, and I also will speak; After I have spoken, mock on. ⁴ As for me, is my complaint to man? Why shouldn't I be impatient? ⁵ Look at me, and be astonished. Lay your hand on your mouth. ⁶ When I remember, I am troubled. Horror takes hold of my flesh.

⁷ "Why do the wicked live, become old, yes, and grow mighty in power? ⁸ Their child is established with them in their sight, their offspring before their eyes. ⁹ Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them. ¹⁰ Their bulls breed without fail. Their cows calve, and don't miscarry.

¹¹ They send out their little ones like a flock. Their children dance. ¹² They sing to the tambourine and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the pipe. ¹³ They spend their days in prosperity. In an instant they go down to Sheol.* ¹⁴ They tell God, 'Depart from us, for we don't want to know about your ways.

¹⁵ What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? What profit should we have, if we pray to him?' ¹⁶ Behold, their prosperity is not in their hand. The counsel of the wicked is far from me.

¹⁷ "How often is it that the lamp of the wicked is put out, that their calamity comes on them, that God distributes sorrows in his anger? ¹⁸ How often is it that they are as stubble before the wind, as chaff that the storm carries away? ¹⁹ You say, 'God lays up his iniquity for his children.' Let him recompense it to himself, that he may know it. ²⁰ Let his own eyes see his destruction. Let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

²¹ For what does he care for his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off?

²² "Shall any teach God knowledge, since he judges those who are high? ²³ One dies in

his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. ²⁴His pails are full of milk. The marrow of his bones is moistened. ²⁵Another dies in bitterness of soul, and never tastes of good. ²⁶They lie down alike in the dust. The worm covers them. ²⁷"Behold, I know your thoughts, the plans with which you would wrong me. ²⁸For you say, 'Where is the house of the prince? Where is the tent in which the wicked lived?' ²⁹Haven't you asked wayfaring men? Don't you know their evidences, ³⁰that the evil man is reserved to the day of calamity, That they are led out to the day of wrath? ³¹Who shall declare his way to his face? Who shall repay him what he has done? ³²Yet he will be borne to the grave. Men shall keep watch over the tomb. ³³The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him. All men shall draw after him, as there were innumerable before him. ³⁴So how can you comfort me with nonsense, because in your answers there remains only falsehood?"

***21:13** Sheol is the place of the dead.

Job
Chapter 22

¹Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, ²"Can a man be profitable to God? Surely he who is wise is profitable to himself. ³Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that you are righteous? Or does it benefit him, that you make your ways perfect? ⁴Is it for your piety that he reproves you, that he enters with you into judgment? ⁵Isn't your wickedness great? Neither is there any end to your iniquities. ⁶For you have taken pledges from your brother for nothing, and stripped the naked of their clothing. ⁷You haven't given water to the weary to drink,

and you have withheld bread from the hungry. ⁸ But as for the mighty man, he had the earth. The honorable man, he lived in it. ⁹ You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. ¹⁰ Therefore snares are around you. Sudden fear troubles you, ¹¹ or darkness, so that you can not see, and floods of waters cover you. ¹² "Isn't God in the heights of heaven? See the height of the stars, how high they are! ¹³ You say, 'What does God know? Can he judge through the thick darkness? ¹⁴ Thick clouds are a covering to him, so that he doesn't see. He walks on the vault of the sky.' ¹⁵ Will you keep the old way, which wicked men have trodden, ¹⁶ who were snatched away before their time, whose foundation was poured out as a stream, ¹⁷ who said to God, 'Depart from us;' and, 'What can the Almighty do for us?' ¹⁸ Yet he filled their houses with good things, but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. ¹⁹ The righteous see it, and are glad. The innocent ridicule them, ²⁰ saying, 'Surely those who rose up against us are cut off. The fire has consumed their remnant.' ²¹ "Acquaint yourself with him, now, and be at peace. Thereby good shall come to you. ²² Please receive instruction from his mouth, and lay up his words in your heart. ²³ If you return to the Almighty, you shall be built up, if you put away unrighteousness far from your tents. ²⁴ Lay your treasure in the dust, the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks. ²⁵ The Almighty will be your treasure, and precious silver to you. ²⁶ For then you will delight yourself in the Almighty, and shall lift up your face to God. ²⁷ You shall make your prayer to him, and he will hear you. You shall pay your vows. ²⁸ You shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established to you. Light shall shine on your ways. ²⁹ When they cast down, you shall say, 'be lifted up.' He will save the humble person. ³⁰ He will even deliver him who is not innocent. Yes, he shall be

delivered through the cleanness of your hands.”

Job
Chapter 23

¹Then Job answered, ²“Even today my complaint is rebellious. His hand is heavy in spite of my groaning. ³Oh that I knew where I might find him! That I might come even to his seat! ⁴I would set my cause in order before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. ⁵I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would tell me. ⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No, but he would listen to me. ⁷There the upright might reason with him, so I should be delivered forever from my judge. ⁸“If I go east, he is not there; if west, I can’t find him; ⁹He works to the north, but I can’t see him. He turns south, but I can’t catch a glimpse of him. ¹⁰But he knows the way that I take. When he has tried me, I shall come out like gold. ¹¹My foot has held fast to his steps. I have kept his way, and not turned away. ¹²I haven’t gone back from the commandment of his lips. I have treasured up the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. ¹³But he stands alone, and who can oppose him? What his soul desires, even that he does. ¹⁴For he performs that which is appointed for me. Many such things are with him. ¹⁵Therefore I am terrified at his presence. When I consider, I am afraid of him. ¹⁶For God has made my heart faint. The Almighty has terrified me. ¹⁷Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither did he cover the thick darkness from my face.

Job
Chapter 24

¹“Why aren’t times laid up by the Almighty?

Why don't those who know him see his days? ²There are people who remove the landmarks. They violently take away flocks, and feed them. ³They drive away the donkey of the fatherless, and they take the widow's ox for a pledge. ⁴They turn the needy out of the way. The poor of the earth all hide themselves. ⁵Behold, as wild donkeys in the desert, they go out to their work, seeking diligently for food. The wilderness yields them bread for their children. ⁶They cut their food in the field. They glean the vineyard of the wicked. ⁷They lie all night naked without clothing, and have no covering in the cold. ⁸They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for lack of a shelter. ⁹There are those who pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor, ¹⁰so that they go around naked without clothing. Being hungry, they carry the sheaves. ¹¹They make oil within the walls of these men. They tread wine presses, and suffer thirst. ¹²From out of the populous city, men groan. The soul of the wounded cries out, yet God doesn't regard the folly.

¹³"These are of those who rebel against the light. They don't know its ways, nor stay in its paths. ¹⁴The murderer rises with the light. He kills the poor and needy. In the night he is like a thief. ¹⁵The eye also of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, 'No eye shall see me.' He disguises his face. ¹⁶In the dark they dig through houses. They shut themselves up in the daytime. They don't know the light. ¹⁷For the morning is to all of them like thick darkness, for they know the terrors of the thick darkness.

¹⁸"They are foam on the surface of the waters. Their portion is cursed in the earth. They don't turn into the way of the vineyards. ¹⁹Drought and heat consume the snow waters, so does Sheol* those who have sinned. ²⁰The womb shall forget him. The worm shall feed sweetly on him. He

shall be no more remembered. Unrighteousness shall be broken as a tree. ²¹He devours the barren who don't bear. He shows no kindness to the widow. ²²Yet God preserves the mighty by his power. He rises up who has no assurance of life. ²³God gives them security, and they rest in it. His eyes are on their ways. ²⁴They are exalted; yet a little while, and they are gone. Yes, they are brought low, they are taken out of the way as all others, and are cut off as the tops of the ears of grain. ²⁵If it isn't so now, who will prove me a liar, and make my speech worth nothing?"

*24:19 Sheol is the place of the dead.

Job
Chapter 25

¹Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, ²"Dominion and fear are with him. He makes peace in his high places. ³Can his armies be counted? On whom does his light not arise? ⁴How then can man be just with God? Or how can he who is born of a woman be clean? ⁵Behold, even the moon has no brightness, and the stars are not pure in his sight; ⁶How much less man, who is a worm, the son of man, who is a worm!"

Job
Chapter 26

¹Then Job answered, ²"How have you helped him who is without power! How have you saved the arm that has no strength! ³How have you counseled him who has no wisdom, and plentifully declared sound knowledge! ⁴To whom have you uttered words? Whose spirit came out of you? ⁵"The departed spirits tremble, those

beneath the waters and all that live in them.
⁶ Sheol* is naked before God, and Abaddon† has no covering. ⁷ He stretches out the north over empty space, and hangs the earth on nothing. ⁸ He binds up the waters in his thick clouds, and the cloud is not burst under them. ⁹ He encloses the face of his throne, and spreads his cloud on it. ¹⁰ He has described a boundary on the surface of the waters, and to the confines of light and darkness. ¹¹ The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his rebuke. ¹² He stirs up the sea with his power, and by his understanding he strikes through Rahab. ¹³ By his Spirit the heavens are garnished. His hand has pierced the swift serpent. ¹⁴ Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways. How small a whisper do we hear of him! But the thunder of his power who can understand?"

***26:6** Sheol is the lower world or the grave.

†**26:6** Abaddon means Destroyer.

Job Chapter 27

¹ Job again took up his parable, and said,
² "As God lives, who has taken away my right, the Almighty, who has made my soul bitter ³ (for the length of my life is still in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils); ⁴ surely my lips shall not speak unrighteousness, neither shall my tongue utter deceit. ⁵ Far be it from me that I should justify you. Until I die I will not put away my integrity from me. ⁶ I hold fast to my righteousness, and will not let it go. My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live. ⁷ "Let my enemy be as the wicked. Let him who rises up against me be as the

unrighteous.

⁸ For what is the hope of the godless, when he is cut off, when God takes away his life?

⁹ Will God hear his cry when trouble comes on him? ¹⁰ Will he delight himself in the Almighty, and call on God at all times? ¹¹ I will teach you about the hand of God. I will not conceal that which is with the Almighty.

¹² Behold, all of you have seen it yourselves; why then have you become altogether vain?

¹³ “This is the portion of a wicked man with God, the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from the Almighty. ¹⁴ If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword. His offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

¹⁵ Those who remain of him shall be buried in death. His widows shall make no lamentation. ¹⁶ Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare clothing as the clay;

¹⁷ he may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

¹⁸ He builds his house as the moth, as a booth which the watchman makes. ¹⁹ He lies down rich, but he shall not do so again. He opens his eyes, and he is not. ²⁰ Terrors overtake him like waters. A storm steals him away in the night. ²¹ The east wind carries him away, and he departs. It sweeps him out of his place. ²² For it hurls at him, and does not spare, as he flees away from his hand. ²³ Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

Job
Chapter 28

¹ “Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place for gold which they refine. ² Iron is taken out of the earth, and copper is smelted out of the ore. ³ Man sets an end to darkness, and searches out, to the furthest bound, the stones of obscurity and of thick darkness. ⁴ He breaks open a shaft away from where people live. They are forgotten by the foot. They hang far from men, they

swing back and forth. ⁵ As for the earth, out of it comes bread; Underneath it is turned up as it were by fire. ⁶ Sapphires come from its rocks. It has dust of gold. ⁷ That path no bird of prey knows, neither has the falcon's eye seen it. ⁸ The proud animals have not trodden it, nor has the fierce lion passed by there. ⁹ He puts his hand on the flinty rock, and he overturns the mountains by the roots. ¹⁰ He cuts out channels among the rocks. His eye sees every precious thing. ¹¹ He binds the streams that they don't trickle. The thing that is hidden he brings out to light.

¹² "But where shall wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding? ¹³ Man doesn't know its price; Neither is it found in the land of the living. ¹⁴ The deep says, 'It isn't in me.' The sea says, 'It isn't with me.'

¹⁵ It can't be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for its price. ¹⁶ It can't be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.* ¹⁷ Gold and glass can't equal it, neither shall it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold. ¹⁸ No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal. Yes, the price of wisdom is above rubies.

¹⁹ The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

²⁰ Where then does wisdom come from? Where is the place of understanding?

²¹ Seeing it is hidden from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the birds of the sky. ²² Destruction and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'

²³ "God understands its way, and he knows its place. ²⁴ For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees under the whole sky. ²⁵ He establishes the force of the wind. Yes, he measures out the waters by measure.

²⁶ When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder;

²⁷ then he saw it, and declared it. He established it, yes, and searched it out. ²⁸ To man he said,

'Behold, the fear of the Lord,[†] that is

wisdom. To depart from evil is understanding.' "

*28:16 or, lapis lazuli

†28:28 The word translated "Lord" is "Adonai."

Job
Chapter 29

¹ Job again took up his parable, and said,
² "Oh that I were as in the months of old, as
in the days when God watched over me;
³ when his lamp shone on my head, and by
his light I walked through darkness, ⁴ as I
was in the ripeness of my days, when the
friendship of God was in my tent, ⁵ when the
Almighty was yet with me, and my children
were around me, ⁶ when my steps were
washed with butter, and the rock poured
out streams of oil for me, ⁷ when I went out
to the city gate, when I prepared my seat in
the street. ⁸ The young men saw me and hid
themselves. The aged rose up and stood.
⁹ The princes refrained from talking, and laid
their hand on their mouth. ¹⁰ The voice of
the nobles was hushed, and their tongue
stuck to the roof of their mouth. ¹¹ For when
the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and
when the eye saw me, it commended me:
¹² Because I delivered the poor who cried,
and the fatherless also, who had no one to
help him, ¹³ the blessing of him who was
ready to perish came on me, and I caused
the widow's heart to sing for joy. ¹⁴ I put on
righteousness, and it clothed me. My justice
was as a robe and a diadem. ¹⁵ I was eyes
to the blind, and feet to the lame. ¹⁶ I was a
father to the needy. The cause of him who I
didn't know, I searched out. ¹⁷ I broke the
jaws of the unrighteous, and plucked the
prey out of his teeth. ¹⁸ Then I said, 'I shall

die in my own house, I shall count my days as the sand. ¹⁹ My root is spread out to the waters. The dew lies all night on my branch. ²⁰ My glory is fresh in me. My bow is renewed in my hand.'

²¹ "Men listened to me, waited, and kept silence for my counsel. ²² After my words they didn't speak again. My speech fell on them. ²³ They waited for me as for the rain. Their mouths drank as with the spring rain. ²⁴ I smiled on them when they had no confidence. They didn't reject the light of my face. ²⁵ I chose out their way, and sat as chief. I lived as a king in the army, as one who comforts the mourners.

Job

Chapter 30

¹ "But now those who are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to put with my sheep dogs.

² Of what use is the strength of their hands to me, men in whom ripe age has perished?

³ They are gaunt from lack and famine. They gnaw the dry ground, in the gloom of waste and desolation. ⁴ They pluck salt herbs by the bushes. The roots of the broom are their food. ⁵ They are driven out from among men. They cry after them as after a thief;

⁶ So that they dwell in frightful valleys, and in holes of the earth and of the rocks.

⁷ Among the bushes they bray; and under the nettles they are gathered together.

⁸ They are children of fools, yes, children of wicked men. They were flogged out of the land.

⁹ "Now I have become their song. Yes, I am a byword to them. ¹⁰ They abhor me, they stand aloof from me, and don't hesitate to spit in my face. ¹¹ For he has untied his cord, and afflicted me; and they have thrown off restraint before me. ¹² On my right hand rise the rabble. They thrust aside my feet, They cast up against me their ways of destruction. ¹³ They mar my path, They

set forward my calamity, without anyone's help. ¹⁴As through a wide breach they come, in the middle of the ruin they roll themselves in. ¹⁵Terrors have turned on me. They chase my honor as the wind. My welfare has passed away as a cloud.

¹⁶"Now my soul is poured out within me. Days of affliction have taken hold on me.

¹⁷In the night season my bones are pierced in me, and the pains that gnaw me take no rest. ¹⁸By great force is my garment

disfigured. It binds me about as the collar of my tunic. ¹⁹He has cast me into the mire. I

have become like dust and ashes. ²⁰I cry to you, and you do not answer me. I stand up,

and you gaze at me. ²¹You have turned to be cruel to me. With the might of your hand

you persecute me. ²²You lift me up to the wind, and drive me with it. You dissolve me

in the storm. ²³For I know that you will bring me to death, To the house appointed

for all living.

²⁴"However doesn't one stretch out a hand in his fall? Or in his calamity therefore cry

for help? ²⁵Didn't I weep for him who was in trouble? Wasn't my soul grieved for the

needy? ²⁶When I looked for good, then evil came; When I waited for light, there came

darkness. ²⁷My heart is troubled, and doesn't rest. Days of affliction have come on

me. ²⁸I go mourning without the sun. I stand up in the assembly, and cry for help.

²⁹I am a brother to jackals, and a companion to ostriches. ³⁰My skin grows

black and peels from me. My bones are burned with heat. ³¹Therefore my harp has

turned to mourning, and my pipe into the voice of those who weep.

Job

Chapter 31

¹"I made a covenant with my eyes, how then should I look lustfully at a young

woman? ²For what is the portion from God above, and the heritage from the Almighty

on high? ³ Is it not calamity to the unrighteous, and disaster to the workers of iniquity? ⁴ Doesn't he see my ways, and count all my steps?

⁵ "If I have walked with falsehood, and my foot has hurried to deceit ⁶ (let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know my integrity); ⁷ if my step has turned out of the way, if my heart walked after my eyes, if any defilement has stuck to my hands, ⁸ then let me sow, and let another eat. Yes, let the produce of my field be rooted out.

⁹ "If my heart has been enticed to a woman, and I have laid wait at my neighbor's door, ¹⁰ then let my wife grind for another, and let others sleep with her. ¹¹ For that would be a heinous crime. Yes, it would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges: ¹² For it is a fire that consumes to destruction, and would root out all my increase. ¹³ "If I have despised the cause of my male servant or of my female servant, when they contended with me; ¹⁴ What then shall I do when God rises up? When he visits, what shall I answer him? ¹⁵ Didn't he who made me in the womb make him? Didn't one fashion us in the womb? ¹⁶ "If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail, ¹⁷ or have eaten my morsel alone, and the fatherless has not eaten of it ¹⁸ (no, from my youth he grew up with me as with a father, her I have guided from my mother's womb); ¹⁹ if I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or that the needy had no covering; ²⁰ if his heart hasn't blessed me, if he hasn't been warmed with my sheep's fleece; ²¹ if I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, because I saw my help in the gate, ²² then let my shoulder fall from the shoulder blade, and my arm be broken from the bone. ²³ For calamity from God is a terror to me. Because his majesty, I can do nothing. ²⁴ "If I have made gold my hope, and have said to the fine gold, 'You are my confidence;' ²⁵ If I have rejoiced

because my wealth was great, and because my hand had gotten much; ²⁶ if I have seen the sun when it shined, or the moon moving in splendor, ²⁷ and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my hand threw a kiss from my mouth, ²⁸ this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges; for I should have denied the God who is above. ²⁹ "If I have rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him ³⁰ (yes, I have not allowed my mouth to sin by asking his life with a curse); ³¹ if the men of my tent have not said, 'Who can find one who has not been filled with his meat?' ³² (the foreigner has not camped in the street, but I have opened my doors to the traveler); ³³ if like Adam I have covered my transgressions, by hiding my iniquity in my heart, ³⁴ because I feared the great multitude, and the contempt of families terrified me, so that I kept silence, and didn't go out of the door— ³⁵ oh that I had one to hear me! Behold, here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me! Let the accuser write my indictment! ³⁶ Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; and I would bind it to me as a crown. ³⁷ I would declare to him the number of my steps. as a prince would I go near to him. ³⁸ If my land cries out against me, and its furrows weep together; ³⁹ if I have eaten its fruits without money, or have caused its owners to lose their life, ⁴⁰ let briers grow instead of wheat, and stinkweed instead of barley."

The words of Job are ended.

Job Chapter 32

¹ So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. ² Then the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel, the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was kindled against Job. His wrath was kindled because he justified himself rather

than God.³ Also his wrath was kindled against his three friends, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.⁴ Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job, because they were elder than he.⁵ When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was kindled.

⁶ Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered, "I am young, and you are very old; Therefore I held back, and didn't dare show you my opinion."⁷ I said, 'Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.'⁸ But there is a spirit in man, and the Spirit* of the Almighty gives them understanding.⁹ It is not the great who are wise, nor the aged who understand justice.¹⁰ Therefore I said, 'Listen to me; I also will show my opinion.'

¹¹ "Behold, I waited for your words, and I listened for your reasoning, while you searched out what to say."¹² Yes, I gave you my full attention, but there was no one who convinced Job, or who answered his words, among you.¹³ Beware lest you say, 'We have found wisdom, God may refute him, not man;'¹⁴ for he has not directed his words against me; neither will I answer him with your speeches.

¹⁵ "They are amazed. They answer no more. They don't have a word to say."¹⁶ Shall I wait, because they don't speak, because they stand still, and answer no more?¹⁷ I also will answer my part, and I also will show my opinion.¹⁸ For I am full of words. The spirit within me constrains me.

¹⁹ Behold, my breast is as wine which has no vent; like new wineskins it is ready to burst.

²⁰ I will speak, that I may be refreshed. I will open my lips and answer.²¹ Please don't let me respect any man's person, neither will I give flattering titles to any man.²² For I don't know how to give flattering titles; or else my Maker would soon take me away.

¹“However, Job, please hear my speech, and listen to all my words. ² See now, I have opened my mouth. My tongue has spoken in my mouth. ³ My words shall utter the uprightness of my heart. That which my lips know they shall speak sincerely. ⁴ The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. ⁵ If you can, answer me. Set your words in order before me, and stand up. ⁶ Behold, I am toward God even as you are. I am also formed out of the clay. ⁷ Behold, my terror shall not make you afraid, neither shall my pressure be heavy on you.

⁸ 'Surely you have spoken in my hearing, I have heard the voice of your words, saying, ⁹ 'I am clean, without disobedience. I am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me. ¹⁰ Behold, he finds occasions against me. He counts me for his enemy. ¹¹ He puts my feet in the stocks. He marks all my paths.'

¹²“Behold, I will answer you. In this you are not just, for God is greater than man.

¹³ Why do you strive against him, because he doesn't give account of any of his matters? ¹⁴ For God speaks once, yes twice, though man pays no attention. ¹⁵ In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, in slumbering on the bed; ¹⁶ Then he opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction, ¹⁷ That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man. ¹⁸ He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

¹⁹ He is chastened also with pain on his bed, with continual strife in his bones; ²⁰ So that his life abhors bread, and his soul dainty food. ²¹ His flesh is so consumed away, that

it can't be seen. His bones that were not seen stick out. ²²Yes, his soul draws near to the pit, and his life to the destroyers.

²³"If there is beside him an angel, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show to man what is right for him; ²⁴then God is gracious to him, and says, 'Deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom.' ²⁵His flesh shall be fresher than a child's. He returns to the days of his youth. ²⁶He prays to God, and he is favorable to him, so that he sees his face with joy. He restores to man his righteousness. ²⁷He sings before men, and says, 'I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it didn't profit me. ²⁸He has redeemed my soul from going into the pit. My life shall see the light.'

²⁹"Behold, God does all these things, twice, yes three times, with a man, ³⁰to bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be enlightened with the light of the living. ³¹Mark well, Job, and listen to me. Hold your peace, and I will speak. ³²If you have anything to say, answer me. Speak, for I desire to justify you. ³³If not, listen to me. Hold your peace, and I will teach you wisdom."

Job Chapter 34

¹Moreover Elihu answered, ²"Hear my words, you wise men. Give ear to me, you who have knowledge. ³For the ear tries words, as the palate tastes food. ⁴Let us choose for us that which is right. Let us know among ourselves what is good. ⁵For Job has said, 'I am righteous, God has taken away my right: ⁶Notwithstanding my right I am considered a liar. My wound is incurable, though I am without disobedience.' ⁷What man is like Job, who drinks scorn like water, ⁸Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity, and walks with wicked men? ⁹For he has said, 'It profits a man nothing that he

should delight himself with God.'

¹⁰"Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness, from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity. ¹¹For the work of a man he will render to him, and cause every man to find according to his ways. ¹²Yes surely, God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert justice. ¹³Who put him in charge of the earth? or who has appointed him over the whole world? ¹⁴If he set his heart on himself, If he gathered to himself his spirit and his breath, ¹⁵all flesh would perish together, and man would turn again to dust. ¹⁶"If now you have understanding, hear this. Listen to the voice of my words. ¹⁷Shall even one who hates justice govern? Will you condemn him who is righteous and mighty?— ¹⁸Who says to a king, 'Vile!' or to nobles, 'Wicked!?' ¹⁹Who doesn't respect the persons of princes, nor respects the rich more than the poor; for they all are the work of his hands. ²⁰In a moment they die, even at midnight. The people are shaken and pass away. The mighty are taken away without a hand.

²¹"For his eyes are on the ways of a man. He sees all his goings. ²²There is no darkness, nor thick gloom, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. ²³For he doesn't need to consider a man further, that he should go before God in judgment. ²⁴He breaks in pieces mighty men in ways past finding out, and sets others in their place. ²⁵Therefore he takes knowledge of their works. He overturns them in the night, so that they are destroyed. ²⁶He strikes them as wicked men in the open sight of others; ²⁷because they turned away from following him, and wouldn't pay attention to any of his ways, ²⁸so that they caused the cry of the poor to come to him. He heard the cry of the afflicted. ²⁹When he gives quietness, who then can condemn? When he hides his face,

who then can see him? Alike whether to a nation, or to a man,³⁰ that the godless man may not reign, that there be no one to ensnare the people.

³¹“For has any said to God, ‘I am guilty, but I will not offend any more.’³² Teach me that which I don’t see. If I have done iniquity, I will do it no more?’³³ Shall his recompense be as you desire, that you refuse it? For you must choose, and not I. Therefore speak what you know.³⁴ Men of understanding will tell me, yes, every wise man who hears me:³⁵ ‘Job speaks without knowledge. His words are without wisdom.’³⁶ I wish that Job were tried to the end, because of his answering like wicked men.³⁷ For he adds rebellion to his sin. He claps his hands among us, and multiplies his words against God.”

Job

Chapter 35

¹Moreover Elihu answered, ²“Do you think this to be your right, or do you say, ‘My righteousness is more than God’s,’³ That you ask, ‘What advantage will it be to you? What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?’⁴ I will answer you, and your companions with you.⁵ Look to the heavens, and see. See the skies, which are higher than you.⁶ If you have sinned, what effect do you have against him? If your transgressions are multiplied, what do you do to him?⁷ If you are righteous, what do you give him? Or what does he receive from your hand?⁸ Your wickedness may hurt a man as you are, and your righteousness may profit a son of man.

⁹“By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry out. They cry for help by reason of the arm of the mighty.¹⁰ But no one says, ‘Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the night,¹¹ who teaches us more than the animals of the earth, and makes us wiser than the birds of the sky?’¹² There they cry, but no one answers, because of the pride of

evil men. ¹³ Surely God will not hear an empty cry, neither will the Almighty regard it. ¹⁴ How much less when you say you don't see him. The cause is before him, and you wait for him! ¹⁵ But now, because he has not visited in his anger, neither does he greatly regard arrogance. ¹⁶ Therefore Job opens his mouth with empty talk, and he multiplies words without knowledge."

Job
Chapter 36

¹ Elihu also continued, and said, ² "Bear with me a little, and I will show you; for I still have something to say on God's behalf. ³ I will get my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. ⁴ For truly my words are not false. One who is perfect in knowledge is with you. ⁵ "Behold, God is mighty, and doesn't despise anyone. He is mighty in strength of understanding. ⁶ He doesn't preserve the life of the wicked, but gives to the afflicted their right. ⁷ He doesn't withdraw his eyes from the righteous, but with kings on the throne, he sets them forever, and they are exalted. ⁸ If they are bound in fetters, and are taken in the cords of afflictions, ⁹ then he shows them their work, and their transgressions, that they have behaved themselves proudly. ¹⁰ He also opens their ears to instruction, and commands that they return from iniquity. ¹¹ If they listen and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. ¹² But if they don't listen, they shall perish by the sword; they shall die without knowledge. ¹³ "But those who are godless in heart lay up anger. They don't cry for help when he binds them. ¹⁴ They die in youth. Their life perishes among the unclean. ¹⁵ He delivers the afflicted by their affliction, and opens their ear in oppression. ¹⁶ Yes, he would have allured you out of distress, into a wide place, where there is no restriction. That

which is set on your table would be full of fatness.

¹⁷“But you are full of the judgment of the wicked. Judgment and justice take hold of you. ¹⁸Don’t let riches entice you to wrath, neither let the great size of a bribe turn you aside. ¹⁹Would your wealth sustain you in distress, or all the might of your strength? ²⁰Don’t desire the night, when people are cut off in their place. ²¹Take heed, don’t regard iniquity; for you have chosen this rather than affliction. ²²Behold, God is exalted in his power. Who is a teacher like him? ²³Who has prescribed his way for him? Or who can say, ‘You have committed unrighteousness?’

²⁴“Remember that you magnify his work, whereof men have sung. ²⁵All men have looked on it. Man sees it afar off. ²⁶Behold, God is great, and we don’t know him. The number of his years is unsearchable. ²⁷For he draws up the drops of water, which distill in rain from his vapor, ²⁸Which the skies pour down and which drop on man abundantly. ²⁹Yes, can any understand the spreading of the clouds, and the thunderings of his pavilion? ³⁰Behold, he spreads his light around him. He covers the bottom of the sea. ³¹For by these he judges the people. He gives food in abundance. ³²He covers his hands with the lightning, and commands it to strike the mark. ³³Its noise tells about him, and the livestock also concerning the storm that comes up.

Job Chapter 37

¹“Yes, at this my heart trembles, and is moved out of its place. ²Hear, oh, hear the noise of his voice, the sound that goes out of his mouth. ³He sends it out under the whole sky, and his lightning to the ends of the earth. ⁴After it a voice roars. He thunders with the voice of his majesty. He doesn’t hold back anything when his voice is

heard. ⁵ God thunders marvelously with his voice. He does great things, which we can't comprehend. ⁶ For he says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth;' likewise to the shower of rain, and to the showers of his mighty rain. ⁷ He seals up the hand of every man, that all men whom he has made may know it. ⁸ Then the animals take cover, and remain in their dens. ⁹ Out of its room comes the storm, and cold out of the north. ¹⁰ By the breath of God, ice is given, and the width of the waters is frozen. ¹¹ Yes, he loads the thick cloud with moisture. He spreads abroad the cloud of his lightning. ¹² It is turned around by his guidance, that they may do whatever he commands them on the surface of the habitable world, ¹³ Whether it is for correction, or for his land, or for loving kindness, that he causes it to come. ¹⁴ "Listen to this, Job. Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. ¹⁵ Do you know how God controls them, and causes the lightning of his cloud to shine? ¹⁶ Do you know the workings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge? ¹⁷ You whose clothing is warm, when the earth is still by reason of the south wind? ¹⁸ Can you, with him, spread out the sky, which is strong as a cast metal mirror? ¹⁹ Teach us what we shall tell him, for we can't make our case by reason of darkness. ²⁰ Will it be told him that I would speak? Or should a man wish that he were swallowed up? ²¹ Now men don't see the light which is bright in the skies, but the wind passes, and clears them. ²² Out of the north comes golden splendor. With God is awesome majesty. ²³ We can't reach the Almighty. He is exalted in power. In justice and great righteousness, he will not oppress. ²⁴ Therefore men revere him. He doesn't regard any who are wise of heart."

Job

Chapter 38

¹Then Yahweh answered Job out of the whirlwind, ²"Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Brace yourself like a man, for I will question you, then you answer me!

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measures, if you know? Or who stretched the line on it? ⁶Whereupon were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it broke out of the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment, and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰marked out for it my bound, set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, 'Here you may come, but no further. Here your proud waves shall be stayed?'

¹²"Have you commanded the morning in your days, and caused the dawn to know its place; ¹³that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and shake the wicked out of it?

¹⁴It is changed as clay under the seal, and presented as a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked, their light is withheld. The high arm is broken.

¹⁶"Have you entered into the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the gates of the shadow of death? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the earth in its width? Declare, if you know it all.

¹⁹"What is the way to the dwelling of light? As for darkness, where is its place, ²⁰that you should take it to its bound, that you should discern the paths to its house?

²¹Surely you know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great!

²²Have you entered the treasures of the

snow, or have you seen the treasures of the hail, ²³ which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? ²⁴ By what way is the lightning distributed, or the east wind scattered on the earth?

²⁵ Who has cut a channel for the flood water, or the path for the thunderstorm;

²⁶ To cause it to rain on a land where no man is; on the wilderness, in which there is no man; ²⁷ to satisfy the waste and desolate ground, to cause the tender grass to grow?

²⁸ Does the rain have a father? Or who fathers the drops of dew? ²⁹ Out of whose womb came the ice? The gray frost of the sky, who has given birth to it? ³⁰ The waters become hard like stone, when the surface of the deep is frozen.

³¹ "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loosen the cords of Orion? ³² Can you lead the constellations out in their season? Or can you guide the Bear with her cubs?

³³ Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you establish its dominion over the earth?

³⁴ "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, That abundance of waters may cover you?

³⁵ Can you send out lightnings, that they may go? Do they report to you, 'Here we are?' ³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts? Or who has given understanding to the mind?

³⁷ Who can count the clouds by wisdom? Or who can pour out the containers of the sky, ³⁸ when the dust runs into a mass, and the clods of earth stick together?

³⁹ "Can you hunt the prey for the lioness, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens, and lie in wait in the thicket? ⁴¹ Who provides for the raven his prey, when his young ones cry to God, and wander for lack of food?

Job

Chapter 39

¹“Do you know the time when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears fawns? ²Can you count the months that they fulfill? Or do you know the time when they give birth? ³They bow themselves, they bear their young. They end their labor pains. ⁴Their young ones become strong. They grow up in the open field. They go out, and don’t return again.

⁵“Who has set the wild donkey free? Or who has loosened the bonds of the swift donkey, ⁶Whose home I have made the wilderness, and the salt land his dwelling place? ⁷He scorns the tumult of the city, neither does he hear the shouting of the driver. ⁸The range of the mountains is his pasture, He searches after every green thing.

⁹“Will the wild ox be content to serve you? Or will he stay by your feeding trough?

¹⁰Can you hold the wild ox in the furrow with his harness? Or will he till the valleys after you? ¹¹Will you trust him, because his strength is great? Or will you leave to him your labor? ¹²Will you confide in him, that he will bring home your seed, and gather the grain of your threshing floor?

¹³“The wings of the ostrich wave proudly; but are they the feathers and plumage of love? ¹⁴For she leaves her eggs on the earth, warms them in the dust, ¹⁵and forgets that the foot may crush them, or that the wild animal may trample them.

¹⁶She deals harshly with her young ones, as if they were not hers. Though her labor is in vain, she is without fear, ¹⁷because God has deprived her of wisdom, neither has he imparted to her understanding. ¹⁸When she lifts up herself on high, she scorns the horse and his rider.

¹⁹“Have you given the horse might? Have you clothed his neck with a quivering mane?

²⁰Have you made him to leap as a locust? The glory of his snorting is awesome. ²¹He

paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength. He goes out to meet the armed men. ²² He mocks at fear, and is not dismayed, neither does he turn back from the sword. ²³ The quiver rattles against him, the flashing spear and the javelin. ²⁴ He eats up the ground with fierceness and rage, neither does he stand still at the sound of the trumpet. ²⁵ As often as the trumpet sounds he snorts, 'Aha!' He smells the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

²⁶ "Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, and stretches her wings toward the south?

²⁷ Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up, and makes his nest on high?

²⁸ On the cliff he dwells, and makes his home, on the point of the cliff, and the stronghold. ²⁹ From there he spies out the prey. His eyes see it afar off. ³⁰ His young ones also suck up blood. Where the slain are, there he is."

Job

Chapter 40

¹ Moreover Yahweh answered Job, ² "Shall he who argues contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it."

³ Then Job answered Yahweh, ⁴ "Behold, I am of small account. What shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. ⁵ I have spoken once, and I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."

⁶ Then Yahweh answered Job out of the whirlwind, ⁷ "Now brace yourself like a man. I will question you, and you will answer me.

⁸ Will you even annul my judgment? Will you condemn me, that you may be justified? ⁹ Or do you have an arm like God? Can you thunder with a voice like him?

¹⁰ "Now deck yourself with excellency and dignity. Array yourself with honor and majesty. ¹¹ Pour out the fury of your anger. Look at everyone who is proud, and bring

him low. ¹² Look at everyone who is proud, and humble him. Crush the wicked in their place. ¹³ Hide them in the dust together. Bind their faces in the hidden place. ¹⁴ Then I will also admit to you that your own right hand can save you.

¹⁵ "See now, behemoth, which I made as well as you. He eats grass as an ox. ¹⁶ Look now, his strength is in his thighs. His force is in the muscles of his belly. ¹⁷ He moves his tail like a cedar. The sinews of his thighs are knit together. ¹⁸ His bones are like tubes of bronze. His limbs are like bars of iron.

¹⁹ He is the chief of the ways of God. He who made him gives him his sword.

²⁰ Surely the mountains produce food for him, where all the animals of the field play.

²¹ He lies under the lotus trees, in the covert of the reed, and the marsh. ²² The lotuses cover him with their shade. The willows of the brook surround him. ²³ Behold, if a river overflows, he doesn't tremble. He is confident, though the Jordan swells even to his mouth. ²⁴ Shall any take him when he is on the watch, or pierce through his nose with a snare?

Job Chapter 41

¹ "Can you draw out Leviathan* with a fish hook, or press down his tongue with a cord?

² Can you put a rope into his nose, or pierce his jaw through with a hook? ³ Will he make many petitions to you, or will he speak soft words to you? ⁴ Will he make a covenant with you, that you should take him for a servant forever? ⁵ Will you play with him as with a bird? Or will you bind him for your girls? ⁶ Will traders barter for him? Will they part him among the merchants? ⁷ Can you fill his skin with barbed irons, or his head with fish spears? ⁸ Lay your hand on him. Remember the battle, and do so no more.

⁹ Behold, the hope of him is in vain. Won't one be cast down even at the sight of him?

¹⁰ None is so fierce that he dare stir him up. Who then is he who can stand before me?

¹¹ Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Everything under the heavens is mine.

¹² "I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, nor his mighty strength, nor his goodly frame. ¹³ Who can strip off his outer garment? Who shall come within his jaws?

¹⁴ Who can open the doors of his face? Around his teeth is terror. ¹⁵ Strong scales are his pride, shut up together with a close seal.

¹⁶ One is so near to another, that no air can come between them. ¹⁷ They are joined to one another. They stick together, so that they can't be pulled apart. ¹⁸ His sneezing flashes out light. His eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. ¹⁹ Out of his mouth go burning torches. Sparks of fire leap out.

²⁰ Out of his nostrils a smoke goes, as of a boiling pot over a fire of reeds. ²¹ His breath kindles coals. A flame goes out of his mouth. ²² There is strength in his neck.

Terror dances before him. ²³ The flakes of his flesh are joined together. They are firm on him. They can't be moved. ²⁴ His heart is as firm as a stone, yes, firm as the lower millstone.

²⁵ When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid. They retreat before his thrashing. ²⁶ If one attacks him with the sword, it can't prevail; nor the spear, the dart, nor the pointed shaft.

²⁷ He counts iron as straw; and bronze as rotten wood. ²⁸ The arrow can't make him flee. Sling stones are like chaff to him. ²⁹ Clubs are counted as stubble. He laughs at the rushing of the javelin.

³⁰ His undersides are like sharp potsherds, leaving a trail in the mud like a threshing sledge. ³¹ He makes the deep to boil like a pot. He makes the sea like a pot of ointment.

³² He makes a path shine after him. One would think the deep had white hair. ³³ On earth there is not his equal, that is made without fear. ³⁴ He sees everything that is high. He is king over all the sons of

pride."

***41:1** Leviathan is a name for a crocodile or similar creature.

Job Chapter 42

¹ Then Job answered Yahweh, ² "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be restrained. ³ You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' therefore I have uttered that which I didn't understand, things too wonderful for me, which I didn't know. ⁴ You said, 'Listen, now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you will answer me.' ⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you. ⁶ Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

⁷ It was so, that after Yahweh had spoken these words to Job, Yahweh said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you, and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has. ⁸ Now therefore, take to yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept him, that I not deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has."

⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did what Yahweh commanded them, and Yahweh accepted Job.

¹⁰ Yahweh turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends. Yahweh gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then came there to him all his brothers, and all

his sisters, and all those who had been of his acquaintance before, and ate bread with him in his house. They comforted him, and consoled him concerning all the evil that Yahweh had brought on him. Everyone also gave him a piece of money,* and everyone a ring of gold.

¹²So Yahweh blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand female donkeys. ¹³He had also seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴He called the name of the first, Jemimah; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the name of the third, Keren Happuch. ¹⁵In all the land were no women found so beautiful as the daughters of Job. Their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. ¹⁶After this Job lived one hundred forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, to four generations. ¹⁷So Job died, being old and full of days.

***42:11** literally, kesitah, a unit of money, probably silver
